(b) the norms followed in the survey;

(c) the number of fake doctors in Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) whether Government have issued any general guidelines to check activities of such fake doctors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No information is available.

(d) According to the provisions contained in the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956, the Indian Medicine Central Council Act, 1970 and Homoeopathy Central Council Act, 1973, no unregistered practitioner can practise medicine. Any person who acts in contravention of the provisions can be punished with imprisonment and fine under the respective Acts.

Revised rate of charges in AIIMS

3944. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that AIIMS has raised charges for various medical tests and procedures being conducted at the hospital and its various centres, including C. N. Centre, Dr. Rajendra Prasad Centre and Dr. Ambedkar IRCH Centre;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the revised rates have the approval of the Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The All India Institute of Medical Sciences have revised the Charges for various Radio-diagnostic investigations in the AIIMS hospital and centres attached to it. The increase in fee has become necessary because the cost of consumables involved in those investigations have increased substantially in the last 10 years. While increasing the charges, efforts have been made to ensure that increases are kept at reasonable levels. The rates have been increased by the AIIMS in accordance with the in principle decision of the Standing Finance Committee/Governing Body/Institute Body of the Institute to rationalise the charges.